REMARKS

The applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of claims 35-60 and 64-68 in view of the foregoing amendment, and consideration of new claims 71-79.

The election of process claims 56-60 and 67-68 is made without traverse. Consideration of these claims, along with claims 35-55, 64-66, and 71-79, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.8, I hereby certify that this Election of Claims and Amendment in Application Serial No. 10/008,716 is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service by first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date of deposit indicated below.

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